that from the modern standpoint of literacy, they are very backward.

Mr. T. P. Poulose: May I know whether in British India, the Anglo-Indian community is getting any concession?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: No.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: May I know whether the Nambissan Community is backward?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: It is found in the Gazette.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION—INTERMEDIATE CLASS—MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

59. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar: Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) the total number of applicants for joining the Intermediate class in the Ernakulam Maharaja's College this year;

(2) how many were admitted;

(3) how many applicants were disallowed admission;

(4) were any Cochinities disallowed; if so, who were they and what were the reasons for refusal;

(5) how many Travancoreans were admitted this year?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: (1) 333 applicants.

(2) 210.

(3) 123.

(4) Yes. 107 mainly for want of accommodation, a few being under-aged. (21 in Group I and 86 in Group II).

(5) None in the Junior Intermediate class.

Mr. M. K. Devassy: May I know whether there are any applicants who are not given any reply?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: It is not possible to send replies to every applicant. The applicant to be selected gets either a substantive or a chance card. If a specially addressed and stamped cover is enclosed, of course a reply is sent.

Dr. A. R. Menon: Is there any instance where there is no reply even in a case a duly stamped and enveloped cover was enclosed?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: I do not think there is any such case.

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Dr. A. R. Menon: I am told by the Principal that there is such a case.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: I shall see that such cases do not occur in future.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon: What is the minimum age for admission into the College? Cannot the Government exempt persons from such age-rule?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: Rules are framed by the University and this Government have to abide by them. In the last Senate meeting the minimum age has been fixed as 14 years and 6 months.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon: Who grants exemption from the minimum age for admission to S. S. L. C. Examination?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: The Head of the particular Department.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon: So, in our State, the Director does it?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: Yes.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu: Is there any method to know where a candidate hails from?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: I think there is a column in the application form to specify the place from which he hails.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu: Did not the Government know that many Travancoreans are admitted in the College on the plea that they are Cochinites?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: We do not accept pleas. We make investigations in cases of doubt, and it is only after the Principal is satisfied that a candidate is admitted.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu: Is there any rule that a Travancorean cannot be admitted?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon: There is no such rule. But there is a rule that preference will be given to our own boys.

UNAIDED PRIVATE SCHOOLS IN THE STATE.

60. **Mr. M. K. Devassy:** Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of unaided private schools in the State;

(*b*) how many of these are (1) High Schools, (2) Lower Secondary Schools and (3) Primary Schools?

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